



Regional Board Report

Request for Decision

To: Regional Board
From: Director of Financial Services
Date: October 24, 2024
Subject: Okanagan Regional Library Loan Authorization Bylaw

Voting Entitlement: *All Directors – Weighted Corporate Vote – Majority (LGA s.209)*

Purpose: To consider the adoption of Loan Authorization Bylaw No.1558 for the purposes of borrowing funds from Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) on behalf of the Okanagan Regional Library.

Executive Summary:

Library Districts are not permitted to borrow directly from MFA. Because of this, it has become common practice for Library Districts to borrow from MFA via Regional Districts. Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1477 was adopted in July 2021 for this purpose and allows the Okanagan Regional Library (ORL) to borrow funds for capital projects as needed.

The ORL Board passed a resolution, on September 11, 2024 to borrow \$2.5 million for the purposes of constructing the new library branch in the City of West Kelowna. This will be the third time ORL has requested to borrow from MFA through the RDCO, and like the previous two times, ORL will pay all of the debt and costs associated with the process with a formal agreement put in place to ensure this.

To allow for this new borrowing, Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1558 has been prepared by staff and is presented to the Board today for consideration of first three readings. With three readings, the bylaw will be forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval. When that is received, because the borrowing term is longer than five years, an alternate approval process will be undertaken to receive participating area approval.

Recommendation(s):

THAT Regional District of Central Okanagan, Okanagan Regional Library Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1558, 2024 be given first, second and third reading.

Report Prepared/Approved by: Tania McCabe, Director of Financial Services

Approved for Agenda: Sally Ginter, Chief Administrative Officer
